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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **PD-3**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**10706 COLE ROAD–SIDEWALK
STAMY ROAD AT MULBERRY DRIVE
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that the 10706 Cole Road–Sidewalk and Stamy Road at Mulberry Drive projects to construct improvements within existing road rights of way, which will result in a continuous walkway path, are categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the projects is to improve pedestrian circulation at 10706 Cole Road and Stamy Road at Mulberry Drive. The proposed project at 10706 Cole Road consists of constructing curb, gutter, and sidewalk to complete a continued walkway path within the existing road right of way. This project also involves the removal of a fence and eight trees that encroach within the road right of way. Of the eight trees to be removed, one tree is dead, one tree is less than 6 inches in diameter, and one tree is uplifting the curb. The proposed project for Stamy Road at Mulberry Drive includes reconstructing curb, gutter, and sidewalks, installing curb ramps and barrier rails, traffic signal modification, and extending the sidewalks on the bridge. The improvement is necessary for the safety of school children who walk to school.

In accordance with the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, we request your concurrence that the proposed projects are categorically exempt. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared for each project and posted for public review.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By implementing the proposed improvements, residents of the County will be provided with enhanced pedestrian safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project costs for 10706 Cole Road and Stamy Road at Mulberry Drive are estimated at \$100,000 and between \$350,000 and \$450,000, respectively. Funding for preliminary engineering for both projects and construction of Stamy Road at Mulberry Drive is included in the 2005-06 Road Fund Budget. Funding for construction of 10706 Cole Road will be included in the 2006-07 Road Fund Budget.

The Stamy Road at Mulberry Drive project will be administered utilizing State Transportation grant funding under the Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) under the existing County/State Master Agreement. The grant funds will reimburse 90 percent of this project's construction cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended finding is in accordance with the CEQA and is required prior to filing the Notices of Exemption with the County Clerk.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The CEQA requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their action. The 10706 Cole Road–Sidewalk project qualifies for a categorical exemption pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and (l) 4 of the CEQA guidelines and Class 1(h) 4 and 1(x) 14 and 16 of the County Environmental Guidelines. The Stamy Road at Mulberry Drive project qualifies for a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines and Class 1(n) and 1(x) 14, 16, and 17 of the County Environmental Guidelines.

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Upon approval of the exemption by your Board, a \$25 handling fee will be paid to the County Clerk for filing each Notice of Exemption in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The projects will not have a significant impact on current services or projects currently planned.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel